

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE**

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

10:30 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

Chair Huizenga called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Murphy, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti (18/19)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Rep. McConico (1/19)

Representative Marleau, supported by **Representative Meisner**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on March 15, 2005. Hearing no objection, the minutes were adopted with **unanimous consent**.

Presentations were given by **Larry Meyer**, from the Michigan Retailers Association, and **Rich Studley**, from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Questions and discussion followed each presentation.

The **Chair** announced at **11:40 a.m.** that the committee would go at ease until 2:30 p.m., or after session, to take up **House Bill 4482**.

Chair Huizenga reconvened the committee at **3:00 p.m.**

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 4482** before the committee.

HB 4482	Nofs	Economic development; tax increment financing; definition of eligible obligation; expand to include certain management contracts or contracts for professional services.
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Representative Nofs explained the intent of the bill and a proposed **Substitute (H-1)**.

James Hettinger and **Karl Dehn**, representing Battle Creek Unlimited, testified in support of the bill and the proposed **Substitute (H-1)**.

Scott Schrager, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Jones, supported by **Representative Marleau**, moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Bill 4482**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Murphy, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti (18/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Wenke, supported by **Representative Meisner**, moved to report **House Bill 4482**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Murphy, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti (18/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Meisner, supported by **Representative Marleau**, moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Huizenga** excused **Representative McConico**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **3:15 p.m.**

Representative Bill Huizenga, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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